

PATENT APPLICATION  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

MIYAKE, Akira, et al.

Appln. No.: Continuation of App. No. 09/600,776

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For: NOVEL POTASSIUM CHANNEL PROTEIN

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a Continuation of Application No. 09/600,776 filed July 21, 2000, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

~~Please cancel claims 1-11 without prejudice or disclaimer.~~

~~Please add the following new claims:~~

~~(New) A method of screening for compounds and peptides capable of modifying the activity of a potassium channel protein comprising:~~

~~a) adding an agent to be tested to a system which comprises a potassium channel protein produced by expressing the protein in a host cell or on a surface of a host cell containing~~

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